

MEMORIAL  
OF THE  
LEGISLATURE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
IN RELATION

*To the graduation act of lands belonging to the general government, to the  
Mobile and Ohio railroad, and the Southern railroad.*

MARCH 27, 1860.—Read, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL of the legislature of the State of Mississippi to the Congress of the United States, in relation to the graduation act of lands belonging to the general government, lying within six miles of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, and the Southern railroad, within the limits of this State.

Whereas in the act of Congress donating alternate sections of public lands to the Mobile and Ohio railroad, and the Southern railroad, the remaining sections were by the same act raised to twice their former minimum price, and double the price of public lands lying outside of the six miles limit designated in said act; and whereas a large majority of said lands now public will remain in the hands of the government unless offered at a less price than \$2 50 per acre, so as to secure a more ready market for said lands, thereby benefitting the government as well as the purchasers: Therefore,

1. *Resolved by the legislature of the State of Mississippi,* That our senators and representatives in Congress be requested to procure the passage of a law by which said lands shall be offered upon more reasonable terms.

2. *Resolved,* That the governor cause to be transmitted to each one of our senators and representatives in Congress a copy of these resolutions and memorial.

Approved, February 10, 1860.

